

WHAT'S  
ON THIS  
WEEK

**Anniversary  
Programme &  
Seminar**  
Organised by: Moviya  
Film Society  
Venue: Seminar Hall  
(Ground Floor), Central  
Public Library, Shabagh  
Date: November 10  
Time: 05:30pm



**Photography  
Exhibition**  
Title: Indian Princes and  
Parisian Jewellers  
Venue: La Galerie, Alliance  
Francaise de Dhaka, 26,  
Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi  
Date: October 24-  
November 5  
Time: 10am-12pm, 5-  
8:30pm



**Photography  
Exhibition**  
Title: Amar Bangla  
Photographer:  
Naluddin Ahmed  
Venue: National  
Museum Auditorium  
Date: November 7  
Time: 6pm



**Solo Painting  
Exhibition**  
Title: Colours of Nature,  
Rhythm of Life  
Artist: Gulshan Hossain  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of  
Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27  
(old), Dhanmondi  
Date: October 30-  
November 10  
Time: 12-6pm



## Profile

## Samir Baul: Exploring new horizons

HOSSAIN SERAJ, Magura

Samir Hossain, popularly known as 'Samir Baul', is an accomplished baul singer of the country. Now he is eager to devote himself in researching Lalon's philosophy and songs as he thinks that the bard's lyrical works are a beacon for human beings.

"The lyrics of Lalon's song, 'Manush chhara kheparey tui mool harabi, manush buhley shonar manush hobi...' first inspired me in this direction," said Samir Baul in a conversation with this correspondent.

Samir Baul, who hails from Karchadanga village under Chaulia union in Magura sadar upazila, is now a regular artiste of BTV as well as private channels, including Banglavisión, Rtv, Diganto Television and ntv.

He is often featured on the BTV musical show, titled "Hijol Tamal", that is aired on the last Wednesday of every month.

That's not all. On the 15th of every month, he participates in a Bangladesh Betar (radio) programme on Lalon songs and philosophy along with eminent singers Kanganini Sufia and Tuntun Baul.

Samir was born in an impoverished family. Life delivered some extremely hard knocks right from his childhood, when he lost his



Samir Baul

mother Chhutu Bibi; Samir was just five months old then. He was brought up by his grandmother.

"I had my first brush with the world of melody at the tender age of six. It was Amulyo Biswas, a teacher of my local primary school, who inspired me in this direction," said Samir.

Forced by poverty, he began to earn his livelihood

at a very young age. With his innate talent for acting, singing and dancing, with the help of some local people he joined a *jatra* party (of Shatrujitpur area in Magura sadar upazila) called Probhati Opera.

"Kanchiram Master of Jagla village gave me my first lessons in music, while Ali Master of the then Probhati Opera was my first dance

instructor," said Samir, whose song and dance performances went on to rivet audiences in Magura. However, he went on to add, at that stage he never thought of performing on TV or in the capital city.

"I gathered enough courage to go to Dhaka only in the year 2000 to perform on the footpaths, inspired by the then Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Magura, Nuruzzaman Khan," Samir reminisced.

"He (the DC) suggested that I should struggle to establish myself as a performer in Dhaka," he added.

Samir started performing spiritual songs at the *mazar* (shrine) of Hazrat Shah Ali (R) in Dhaka which he continued for about a month.

From there he came in contact with Salahuddin, then an official of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), and got the opportunity to perform folk songs at a function arranged by BSA. The audience was just as captivated by his performance as in Magura.

After his performance at Shilpakala, Samir's reputation spread far and wide. Today apart from being a regular performer on several TV channels and Bangladesh Betar, he is also sought after by cultural organisers in several districts.

Artistes with a dream  
Cultural programme at Shahid  
Shadhan Music College

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Shahid Shadhan Music College, Pabna recently organised a reception for new students at its campus. At the function, teachers, students, governing body members and the elite of the district headquarters emphasised the need for the college to create real artistes. The event included a discussion and cultural programme.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Moha-mmud Saidur Rahman, also the president of college governing body, chaired the discussion, while the former principal of Pabna Government Bulbul College Professor Shibojit Nag was the chief guest.

The speakers were principal of the Music College Abdul Matin Khan, principal of Adarsha Mahila College Idris Ali Bishwas, trustee of Bangladesh Hindu Kalyan Trust Ganesh Ghosh, secretary of Bonomali Institute Abul Masud and secretary of Red Crescent Society Abdul Hamid Khan.

Shahid Shadhan Music College -- one of the three such institutions across the country -- has created artistes ever since Independence so it should get government support. The college is also beset with problems -- there are not enough teachers or other educational facilities, speakers expressed. They also vowed to help the college groom real artistes, imbued with the spirit of the martyred freedom fighters.

Shahid Shadhan Music College was established in 1972, in memory of Shadhan, a martyred freedom fighter and talented artiste.

The college was closed in 1975 after a political change in Bangladesh. Later the college resumed operations in 1998 and is going strong since then, said Mohammad Abdul Matin Khan, principal of the college.

The new students or 'freshers' cherish their own ambitions. We are fortunate to gain admission in Shahid Shadhan Music College. Our dream is to graduate as artistes, said Upodesh Roy and Kolpona Khatun, both first year students of the college.

Next on the cards was a cultural programme. Music teachers of the college, Fulorenu Das, Abul Hashem, Abul Kashem and Shandipa Sarkar conducted the programme with the participation of the college students.

Elton John has serious  
case of e-coli and flu

Rocket Man is feeling under the weather.

After cancelling a string of shows in his native UK, Elton John has followed doctor's orders and postponed three upcoming concerts in Seattle and Portland "due to a serious case of e-coli bacterial infection and influenza," his official website states.

A spokesman clarified that the 62 year-old musician "has flu and is absolutely fine," BBC News reported Sunday.

John has been performing in the U.S. with co-headliner Billy Joel for their "Face 2 Face" arena tour; Joel's "flu-like symptoms" temporarily put the brakes on their tour back in July.

According to the UK's Daily Mail, Elton John entered the King Edward VII Hospital in Marylebone, London, on Friday.

John is the latest British singer to have sickness keep him from the stage -- former Smiths frontman Morrissey was hospitalised last weekend after collapsing during a solo gig in Swindon, England.

Source: Internet



Elton John



All programmes are in local time.  
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programme.

## On Air

## BTV

10:05 Open University  
10:30 Jodi Emon Hoto  
11:30 Tara Bhora Ratey  
12:10 Abhinandan  
12:30 Amader Muktiuddho  
01:00 Protikar  
01:30 Loko Oitijhya  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Shukhi Panbar  
04:30 Musical Programme: Geet Bitan  
05:05 Mon-er Katha  
05:30 Krishi Dibanishi  
06:15 Mati O Manush  
07:00 Special Programme on Jail Hotta Dibosh  
07:25 Aahoban  
08:25 Itihas Oitijyey Bangladesh  
08:30 Drama: Hotel Holiday  
09:00 Drama Serial: Ajibon Jonmer Wrin  
09:30 Rupali Porda  
10:25 Tanumon

## ATN BANGLA

08:30 Drama Serial: Karo Kono Niti Nai  
09:10 Kandeey Amar Maa  
09:15 Drama Serial: Jolkona  
10:30 Hello Bangladesh  
11:05 ASIAN City Top Spin  
12:15 Shomali Shadakalo  
01:25 Musical Programme: ATN Music  
02:30 Chhobir Manush  
03:15 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokhhkhhu Nai  
03:45 Children's Programme  
04:20 Agricultural Programme: Shomali Din  
05:15 Kandeey Amar Maa  
05:20 Abiram Bangladesh  
06:15 Talk Show: Katha Mala  
08:00 Drama Serial: Baaksho  
08:40 Drama Serial: Tomato Ketchup  
09:20 Drama Serial: Joyotsna Kaal  
11:30 Drama Serial: Holhat Shimantey  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

## CHANNEL 1

08:30 Shokaler Gaan

08:40 Ajker Chakri  
09:30 Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh  
09:45 Public Reaction  
09:50 Grameenphone Tritio Matra  
11:05 BBC Bangladesh Shinglaap  
12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Katha  
01:05 Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
02:30 Talbia'09  
03:05 i Sports  
03:20 Boi Ebong Boi  
03:40 Cookery Show  
04:10 Mukti Judhyo Protidin  
04:30 Musical Programme  
05:30 Talk Show: Shilpo Darpaan  
05:50 Talk Show: Khola Akash  
06:20 Robin Hood  
06:45 Business Show  
07:50 Talent Hunt: Channel i Shera Kontho'09

09:30 Drama Serial: Zahur Ali Zahuri  
10:10 Talk Show: Golpo Sholpo Gaan  
08:30 Swashto Protidin  
08:55 Drama Serial: Rang  
10:05 Drama Serial: Ekta Kinley Ekta Free  
11:00 Kichhu Kotha Kichhu Gaan  
11:30 Music Jam  
12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
01:05 Japan Video Topic  
02:30 Drama Serial: Kachher Manush  
03:10 Shangskriti Ei Shoptaho  
03:45 Dhupchhaya  
04:10 Janar Achhey Bolaar Achhey  
05:35 Apnar Jigyasha  
06:45 Frankly Speaking  
08:15 Drama Serial: 1920  
09:00 Glamour World  
09:45 Drama Serial: Palolik Mon

08:30 Drama Serial: Rupnagarer Koinya  
09:00 Drama Serial: Ronger Duniya  
10:10 Sports Time  
11:35 VISA Apnaar Agami  
12:30 Housing Barta  
01:30 Drama Serial: Kushum Kumari  
02:40 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel  
03:20 Drama Serial: Rupnagarer Konya  
04:05 Onno Alor Gaan  
05:25 Shyamol Bangla  
06:15 Ebong Classer Bairey  
08:15 Drama Serial: Babar Hotel  
09:05 Musical Programme: Gaanlalap  
09:45 Drama: Diba Ratri Khola Thakey  
11:25 Good Night Raat Biraatey  
DESH TV  
12:15 Dur Path  
04:00 Desh Janopod

05:15 Paddorag  
06:00 Saanjhi Bela  
08:15 Drama Serial: Gahor Baidya  
09:00 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul  
09:45 Events of the Day  
11:00 Doctor's Voice  
STAR MOVIES  
10:20 Cool Runnings  
12:20 NYC: Tornado Terror  
02:15 Runaway Bride  
04:30 Blonde Ambition  
06:25 Underclassman  
08:20 Signs  
10:30 Hero Wanted  
12:30 Pulp Fiction  
HBO  
12:30 Shooter  
12:00 Hollywood One On One 64  
01:30 So I Married An Axe Murderer  
03:15 In Bruges  
05:15 Tmz 095

## STAR WORLD

09:30 Late Show With David Letterman  
10:30 The Simpsons  
11:00 Everybody Loves Raymond  
11:30 According To Jim  
12:00 Most Daring  
01:00 Koffee With Karan  
02:00 Friends  
02:30 Monk  
02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
04:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
05:00 7th Heaven  
06:00 Lipstick Jungle  
07:00 According To Jim  
07:30 Lost  
08:30 The Simpsons  
09:00 Friends  
09:30 Everybody Loves Raymond  
10:00 The King Of Queens  
10:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?  
11:30 The Unit  
12:30 Knight Rider

## BBC WORLD

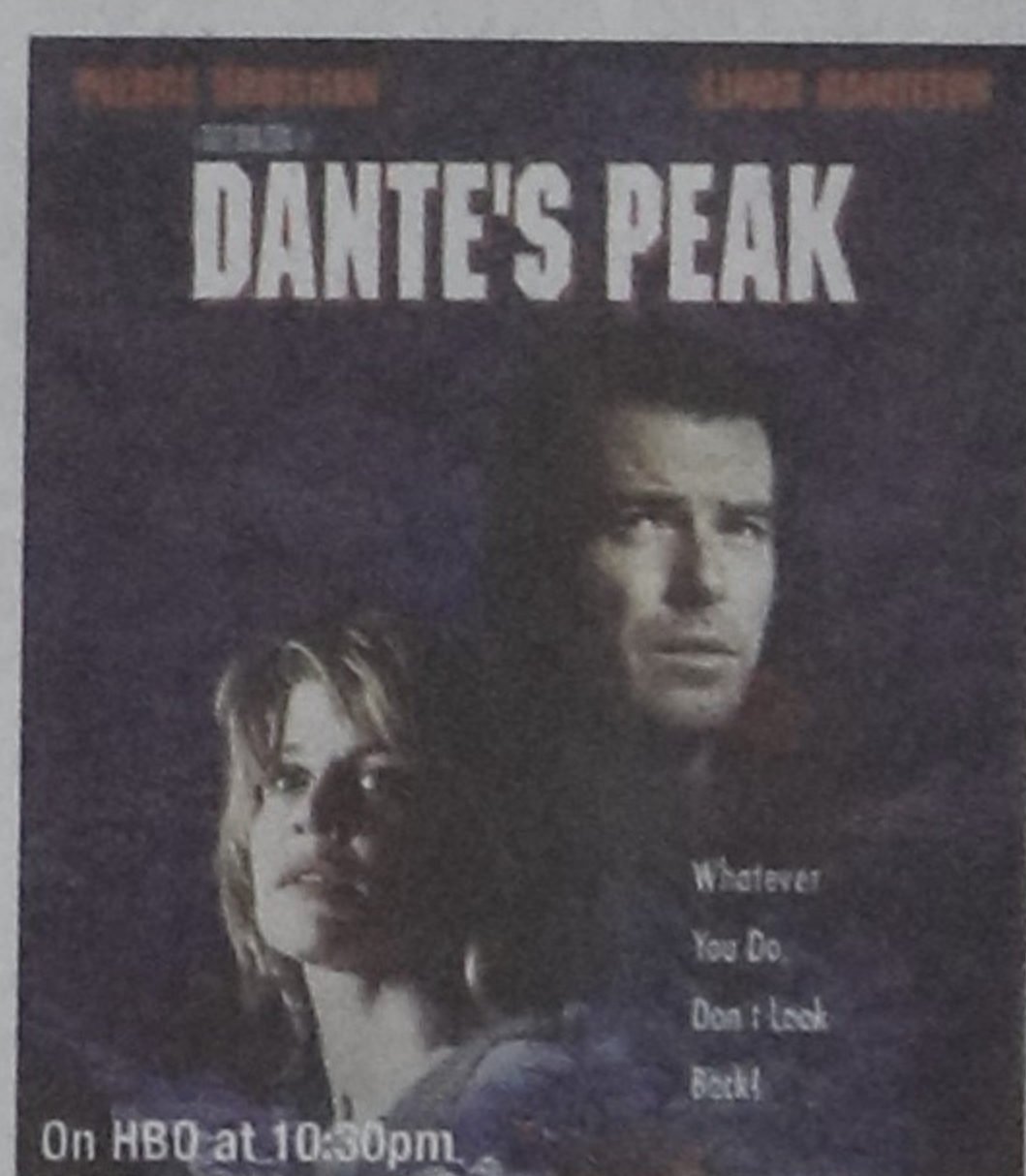
08:00 BBC World News  
08:30 World Business Report  
08:45 Sport Today  
09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 HARDtalk (r)  
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09:00 BBC World News  
09:30 HARDtalk (r)  
10:00 World News Today Business Edition  
10:45 Sport Today  
11:00 BBC World News  
11:30 HARDtalk (r)



**E Bhora Bhador E Mah Bhador**  
On Channel i at 11:30pm  
Drama Serial  
Cast: Meer Sabbir, Richi Solaiman



09:00 Mukhonto Jiboroy  
12:00 Barun Duporoy  
03:00 Duranto Bikoroy  
05:00 Shondila Tara  
07:00 Shokher Maya  
09:00 Rashed Akashay  
11:00 Golpor Shapit Nei  
BADIO FORTI 88.5 FM  
07:30 Hello Dhaka  
10:30 Morning Express  
12:00 No Tension  
04:00 Dhaka Calling  
08:00 Knight Riders  
RADIO TODAY 89.5 FM  
07:15 Good Morning Dhaka  
11:00 Music Unlimited  
01:00 Today's Adde  
04:00 U-Turn  
08:00 Tobey Tai Hok  
11:00 Raal Bhor Gaan  
12:00 Today's Happy Moments



On HBO at 10:30pm

09:30 Drama Serial: Bhalobashar Sukh Pakhi  
11:30 Drama Serial: E Bhora Bhador E Mahi Bhador  
12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

## ETV

08:30 Ekush-er Shokal  
09:30 Drama Serial: Lolita  
03:30 Drama: Noshtey Koshtey Jibon  
05:45 Sports Plus  
07:50 Prodhannantri Apnakey-e Bolchhi  
08:30 Drama Serial: Hittu

12:00 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy  
09:30 R Music  
10:45 Taroka Atap  
11:30 Share Update  
12:30 Cinema Ar Gaan  
02:03 Bangla Feature Film Protidin  
06:03 Nani O Nokhyotro  
07:30 Road To Democracy  
09:25 Black Horse Rtv Golden Key  
11:30 Very Filmy  
BANGLAVISION  
08:00 Shubho Shokaal

04:30 Bazarey Notun  
05:02 Cartoon  
05:30 Bati Ghar  
06:02 Elbar Jombey Khela  
09:45 Drama Serial  
10:30 Total Sports  
11:45 Shoja Katha  
CHANNEL 1  
08:40 Shuprobhat Bangladesh  
09:10 Events of the Day  
10:30 Shuktara  
11:00 Bangla Feature Film  
03:30 Drama Serial: Kancher Putul  
04:00 Drama Serial: Gahor Baidya

05:45 Jaws 2  
08:00 Trapped (2002)  
10:00 Tmz 096  
10:30 Dante's Peak  
01:00 Shooter  
ZEE STUDIO  
09:30 The Contract  
11:30 Herbie Fully Loaded  
01:50 Secret Window  
03:55 Derailed  
06:30 Get Shorty on Campus  
07:30 The Talented Mr. Ripley  
10:30 Wicker Park  
12:00 Barbershop